

# Jeptha's Knob

Nobody asked but ...

Events always have consequences. Take for instance the creation of Jeptha's Knob, the highest point in the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky. One of the proximate consequences is that I live on a ripple of the huge meteor strike that formed Jeptha's Knob. My roofline is about one thousand feet above sea level. I have dubbed my neighborhood the Anderson Alps for the rings of precipitous ridges radiating out from that ancient event.

The point I want to make, however, is that causes and effects may be realized over vast amounts of time. In this example, the consequences stretch over millions of years. There have been innumerable effects before me, there are effects while I am here, and there will be uncountable effects after I'm gone. We are each swimmers in a stream of space-time that goes on to eternity.

The Jeptha's Knob Meteor was just one among myriad causes which went on to generate multitudes of effects. The complexity dwarfs our imaginations. The inexorable advance of change is astounding. Even though Jeptha's Knob has been there for millions of years, it changes every day, every minute. Stasis is only an illusion.

— Kilgore Forelle